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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT EVENTS

1. CSCE: SOVIETS FIND BEST DEFENSE IS TO BE OFFENSIVE

IN REPLY TO ITS DEMARCHE OF MARCH 3 ON CSCE, EMBASSY MOSCOW
HAS RECEIVED AN ORAL STATEMENT FROM THE MFA HARSHLY
CRITICISING THE US FOR:

--CONTINUING INSTANCES OF VISA REFUSALS AND DELAYS,
OVEREMPHASIS OF BASKET III PROVISIONS AND OUR POLICY
TOWARD "SEVERAL SOVIET REPUBLICS" WHICH ALLEGEDLY
VIOLATES FINAL ACT PRINCIPLES;

--CONTINUED TRADE DISCRIMINATION AND FAILURE TO TAKE
EFFECTIVE ACTION TO PROTECT SOVIET ESTABLISHMENTS IN
THE US AGAINST TERRORISTS;

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--RFE, RADIO LIBERTY AND VOA BROADCASTS, WHICH

DIRECTLY CONTRADICT CSCE GOALS.

EMBASSY COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE NOTE ENDED WITH A STATEMENT

OF CONTINUED INTEREST IN CONSULTATIONS, THE SOVIETS WILL
TREAD WATER UNTIL THEY HAVE A CLEARER INDICATION OF THE
DIRECTION IN WHICH OUR RELATIONS WILL BE MOVING.

(CONFIDENTIAL) MOSCOW 6887, 5/3.

2. PORTUGAL: SOCIALIST STRATEGY FOR FORMING A GOVERNMENT

OVER THE WEEKEND AMBASSADOR CARLUCCI TALKED BRIEFLY WITH
MARIO SOARES AND OTHER SOCIALIST LEADERS REGARDING THEIR
STRATEGY FOR FORMING A GOVERNMENT. THE AMBASSADOR REPORTS
THAT THE SOCIALISTS:

--ARE ABSOLUTELY DETERMINED TO "GO IT ALONE", BUT
WILL INCLUDE INDEPENDENTS AND PERHAPS MILITARY
FIGURES IN THE GOVERNMENT;

--BELIEVE THAT PPD LEADER SA CARNEIRO HAS SUFFERED A
GREAT LOSS OF PRESTIGE, AND FACES THE POSSIBILITY OF
AN OPEN SPLIT IN HIS PARTY.

EMBASSY COMMENT: THE PRESENT SITUATION IS SUCH THAT A
ONE-PARTY GOVERNMENT MAY IN THE LONG RUN PROVE MORE
EFFECTIVE THAN A COALITION WHICH COULD BE ACHIEVED ONLY
AT THE EXPENSE OF COHESION WITHIN THE PS. MOREOVER, THE
BREACH BETWEEN SA CARNEIRO AND SOARES APPEARS UNBRIDGABLE.
(CONFIDENTIAL) LISBON 2902, 5/3.

3. MOZAMBIQUE: SOVIETS TRAINING ZIMBABWEAN GUERRILLAS?

A EUROPEAN BUSINESSMAN WAS INFORMED BY FRIENDS IN THE
CHIMOIO AREA OF MOZAMBIQUE (MIDWAY BETWEEN THE PORT OF
BEIRA AND THE RHODESIAN BORDER) THAT SOVIET ADVISORS
WERE TRAINING ZIMBABWEAN FREEDOM FIGHTERS IN A CAMP
THERE. THE EMBASSY CANNOT CONFIRM THE REPORT, BUT
BELIEVES THERE ARE AT LEAST 20 SOVIET MILITARY INSTRU-
CTORS TRAINING ZIMBABWEANS SOMEWHERE IN MOZAMBIQUE.
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